

Amendments To The Specification

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 19 line 19 to page 20 line 14 with the following new paragraph:

The quick bid is shown in Figures 7A and 7B. Again there are two modes for the quick bid. In one mode, there are a plurality of bids, some of which are known and others of which are secret, and wherein the quick bid only overcomes those bids which are known. In another mode, the agent knows all values. In this case, the agent can enable not only posting a quick bid, but also posting a quick winning bid. The agent in Figure 5 shows the options for bidding when they are available. For instance, the quick bid 530 may be displayed as shown in Figure 5, along with the quick winning bid 535. Passing the cursor over either value displays a "screen tip" that allows the user to view what the quick bid or quick winning bid amount will be. Since these values are known to the agent, they are stored in the local browser, and can be displayed quickly. The quick win bid may be displayed or not displayed, depending on rules, options and circumstances of the auction. In one mode of operation, there are a plurality of bids, associated with times when those maximum bids can be made, and only those bids whose times have been reached are known. An action is also enabled which allows determining both secret bids and non-secret bids. That action

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may include an extra fee beyond that which would be charged for only non-secret bids. The client allows thus allows sending a plurality of bids, to be executed at a plurality of times. Moreover, users are provided with an incentive to share the winning bid with others. For instance, users may get a discount or other incentive to allow the quick bid to be known. Even if the quick bid quick win is known, it may only be allowed during the going, going, gone, during which time emotions become higher.